



# Alaska Chilkoot Bear Foundation, Inc.



## PARTNERSHIPS FOR HARMONY IN NATURE...

For more than two thousand years humans have shared the Chilkoot River Valley with salmon, brown bears and eagles. As the home for many generations of Chilkoot Natives, the land is a repository of cultural significance, as well as prime wildlife habitat.

The lower river corridor is currently used by local residents and travelers for subsistence and sport fishing, for wildlife viewing and commercial tourism. Increased pressure on the resource has called into question whether the balance of human and bear activity can continue.

The ACBF works to forge partnerships to ensure that all elements of the ecosystem will continue to exist in harmony for generations to come.



## CHILKOOT RIVER WATERSHED...

The lower Chilkoot River Corridor is located ten miles northeast of Haines, Alaska. This area was the site of the L'Koot Tlingit Native Village and is now utilized by the Chilkoot Cultural Camp Program. Attracting thousands of visitors each year, it is one of the most heavily visited bear watching destinations in Alaska due to the easy access via the Alaska Highway and the Alaska Marine Highway System. This heavy use is resulting in human/ bear conflicts.



## WORKING TOGETHER...

The Chilkoot River Corridor Strategic Planning Project (CRC) was formed in 2000 as a collaboration of the Haines Chamber of Commerce, Lynn Canal Conservation, Inc. and the Chilkoot Indian Association to address these conflicts. The project's initial goal was to develop and implement a plan for the long range sustainable management of the outstanding natural, cultural, historical, and socio-economic resources of the Chilkoot River Corridor.



## IDENTIFYING ISSUES...

After three years of meetings, the group developed a consensus action plan for preserving the corridor's rich resources. The plan includes the goals listed on the back panel of this brochure.

## YOUR DONATION WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE...

ACBF seeks to provide funding to achieve these goals and to help ensure that the ecological and cultural integrity of the Chilkoot River Watershed are maintained. By using donations and memberships to match agency and foundation grants, ACBF strives to increase funding for projects that will reduce conflicts between humans and bears, protect this vital ecosystem's habitat for fish and wildlife and increase awareness of Tlingit culture.

**Your donation will be an investment in the future of this area for generations to come.**



YES!



I want to invest in the future of the Chilkoot River Watershed!

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**CHILKOOT RIVER CORRIDOR WORKING GROUP GOALS**

**Accomplished:**

Code of Conduct to help all visitors to the area self-monitor their actions.

Signage to reduce overnight roadside camping.

**Still to accomplish:**

Improve State Agency ability to manage recreational use.

Reduce human/wildlife conflicts and monitor and improve visitor activity and behavior.

Increase public awareness of Chilkoot's cultural significance.

Support the continuity of the Chilkoot Culture Camp.

Provide brown bears undisturbed route of access/ egress to Chilkoot River feeding areas.

Identify and interpret brown bear habitat and use patterns to augment agency data needs and guide future planning and development decisions.

Limit future impacts of motorized use on Chilkoot Lake.

Utilize best available technology to monitor fishery escapement and minimize obstructions to fish passage.

Improve lakeshore parking areas to better accommodate larger vehicles and reduce congestion.

**Please remember:** Chilkoot bears need undisturbed space to feed, care for their young, and cross the road. For your safety and that of the bears, it is important to stop fishing in the presence of the bears, keep all fish in vehicles, keep a respectful and safe distance from all bears being watched or photographed, and to observe No Parking zones and give bears space to cross the road undisturbed.



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Protecting the Chilkoot Watershed for generations to come.



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